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DRAFT CLOSURE REPORT; FORMER UST LOCATIONS BUILDINGS 1560 AND 789; FORMER CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE; MERCED COUNTY

We have received the Air Force's submittal entitled "*Draft Closure Report, Former UST Locations, Buildings 1560 and 789*" prepared by Montgomery Watson Harza and dated July 2002. Following the removal of the tanks and over-excavation of contaminated soil, remaining fuel-contaminated soil was determined to be a threat to groundwater quality at B1560 and B789. Since 1999, bioventing has been used to remediate the sites. Closure soil sampling was conducted in accordance with an approved work plan (RWQCB letter to AFBCA dated March 12, 2002). All confirmation samples were well below the Castle Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs). Therefore, we concur with the Air Force recommendation for closure of these two sites.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3412, or by email at austind@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov.

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